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SUBJECT: ROKG CONFRONTATION WITH JAPANESE PRESS

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1. CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ROKG AND JAPANESE
CORRESPONDENTS IN SEOUL CONTINUED JANUARY 11.
ACCORDING TO JANUARY 12 NEWSPAPERS, ELEVEN
JAPANESE REPORTERS RESIDENT IN SEOUL SIGNED AND
SENT INFORMATION MINISTRY LETTER REJECTING
LIMITS ON REPORTING PRESCRIBED BY EMERGENCY
MEASURES.

2. IN RESPONSE, INFORMATION MINISTRY PRESS
BUREAU DIRECTOR KIM TONG-HO ISSUED A STATEMENT
DESCRIBING REFUSAL AS INFRINGEMENT ON ROK
SOVEREIGNTY AND ACCUSING JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS
ON HANDLING KOREAN AFFAIRS "AS IF THEY WERE
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS OF JAPAN." STATEMENT POINTED
OUT THAT JAPANESE PRESS REFRAINS FROM CRITICIZING
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES INCLUDING CHINA AND
NORTH KOREA AND CONTRASTED THIS WITH "MALICIOUS"
REPORTING ON SOUTH KOREA. IT REPEATED WARNING
THAT ROKG WOULD TAKE "LEGAL ACTION" AGAINST
JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS WHO CONTINUE TO
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"INFRINGE UPON AND CHALLENGE KOREAN SOVEREIGNTYM"

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMS THAT HE
KNOWS OF NO CONCRETE ACTION AGAINST JAPANESE
REPORTERS THUS FAR. HE SAID MESSAGE RECEIVED
FROM TOKYO SATURDAY MORNING CONTAINS REQUEST FOR
FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF ROKG'S INTENTIONS REGARDING
JAPANESE RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS AND INSTRUCTS
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO ASK ROKG TO INFORM GOJ
WELL IN ADVANCE IN CASE ACTION AGAINST JAPANESE
CORRESPONDENTS IS CONTEMPLATED.
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